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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

The seventh consecutive week of declines in the slaughter steer and heifer trade found selling levels at the lowest point since near midyear of 1957. The average price of slaughter steers at seven markets was \$22.28. The trend, which was steady to 50¢ lower at most markets, also reflected the seventh week of continued downturns on dressed beef. In an uneven trade, slaughter cows sold mostly steady and a restricted volume of stockers and feeders worked out on a steady to weak basis. Declines of 25¢-\$1.00 were recorded on barrows and gilts with 50¢-75¢ downturns rather common. Trends were uneven on slaughter lambs. At most terminals spring and old crop lambs were steady to \$1.00 higher but more than 40 percent of the 12-market supply was offered at Fort Worth where prices declined 50¢-\$1.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower at most midwestern markets despite an 8 percent reduction in receipts. Chicago and Omaha proved to be the only major exceptions reporting a steady to 25¢ higher trend on heifers and Good to average Choice steers. The declines followed a lower trend in the carcass trade and marked the seventh consecutive week of general price downturns both on slaughter steers and steer beef. The average price of slaughter steers fell to a new four-year low at most terminals. Cows were uneven but averaged about steady with the only major exception a 25-75¢ lower trend in Kansas City. Bulls averaged steady. Vealers were fully steady in St. Paul but \$1.00-3.00 lower at St. Louis. Slaughter steers and heifers had a stronger price trend during the initial market session of the period under review when supplies were curtailed but this was more than erased later as receipts enlarged. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the supplies at most terminals with the Good and Choice grades predominating. Both in the live and carcass trades steers and heifers sold in practically the same price range on a grade for grade basis with weight considered.

Bulk of the high-Good and Choice slaughter steers 1000-1350# sold from \$21.50-24.00. A few high-Choice and Prime steers brought \$23.75-25.00 and bulk of the Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1450# weights moved at \$24.00-26.25 in Chicago with a few Prime at \$26.50-26.75. Good steers sold at \$20.25-22.50. A few high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime heifers cashed at \$23.50-24.00 while most Choice brought \$22.00-23.50. Good heifers sold at \$20.00-22.50. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$15.75-17.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.50-16.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Marketings of stocker and feeder cattle and calves fell short of the numbers marketed during the same period a year earlier. Average-Medium to average-Choice 500-750# steers continued to predominate but moderate numbers of 800-1000# feeder steers also were on offer. Only a limited number of yearling heifers was marketed and calves were in seasonally small supply. Stock cows were scarce at virtually all markets. Prices during the previous five weeks had consistently followed a weak to lower trend and as a result are materially lower than a month and a half ago. However, slaughter cattle prices also worked sharply lower during the past month and a half and showed additional declines during the week under review. Consequently, stocker and feeder buyers continued to operate very cautiously and in slow trading prices generally were steady to weak. At Kansas City the market was steady to 50¢ lower. Choice calves and Choice 500-600# yearlings found most reliable outlet while feeders 950# up were hardest to move.

Good and Choice 800-1000# feeder steers sold from \$21.00-23.50. At St. Paul Choice 1005# brought \$22.75 but buyers generally were very reluctant to go above \$22.00 on steers 950# up. At Omaha a load of mostly Choice 899# partly fattened steers sold for further feeding at \$22.00. At Oklahoma City a large string of mostly Choice 735# went at \$22.50. Good and Choice 525-750# stock steers bulked at \$22.50-26.50, a few under 600# \$27.00-28.00. Medium and low-Good stockers sold chiefly from \$19.00-23.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers ranged \$19.50-24.00, few \$24.50. Choice 439# reputation steer calves brought \$33.75 with 442# heifer mates at \$30.50. Other Good and Choice steer calves ranged \$24.00-31.00; same grades heifer calves largely \$23.00-26.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts at the 12 terminals numbered 307,000, a drop of 12 percent from the previous week and 7 percent under the same week of a year ago. The reduction in volume was contributed mainly to the fact that farmers continued to concentrate rather heavily on field work, especially in the eastern part of the Corn Belt where spring work is considerably behind schedule. Except for a small seasonal increase in the percentage of sows the consist of the supply was about the same as during recent weeks. Bulk of the offerings comprised shipments of mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-270# barrows and gilts with a moderate volume No. 2-3, 270-300#. Sharply lower prices on most pork cuts in the wholesale trade more than offset any bullish effect that might have developed from reduced receipts.

Demand was somewhat uneven from day to day but generally proved rather poor following Monday with a resultant lower price trend. The best outlet prevailed for 200-230# barrows and gilts. Order buyers demand ranged from fairly good at some points to only fair at others. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts finished 25¢-\$1.00 lower, mostly 50-75¢ off. Sows closed steady to 75¢ lower, largely 25-50¢ off.

On Friday, U. S. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts bulked at \$16.50-17.00, with same weights and grades \$16.75-17.50 at Chicago and \$17.00-17.50 at Indianapolis. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 180-240# sold at \$15.50-17.00, largely \$15.75-16.75. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$12.75-15.25, most sales \$13.50-15.00.

Feeder pigs closed weak to 50¢ lower at St. Paul and were 25¢ lower at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# feeder pigs at St. Paul bulked late at \$15.50-16.00, few Choice \$16.50 while Good and Choice 130-170# at Sioux City sold at \$15.25-16.25.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 335,000 head, around 2 percent more than the previous week and just slightly less than a year ago. Declining pork prices at wholesale centers proved a bearish factor in the live market. Compared with the previous Friday, 180-240# barrows and gilts closed mainly 50¢ lower with heavier butchers 50-75¢ lower; sows mostly 75¢ lower. On Friday, mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 200-230# barrows and gilts, including few 190-240#, \$15.50-16.00 with a few mostly No. 1 and 2 from \$15.75-16.50. U. S. No. 1-3 270-400# sows cleared from \$13.50-14.90; 400-550# mostly \$12.50-13.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets totaled 124,000, around 14 percent more than a week ago and 25 percent over the same period last year. Marketings at Fort Worth made up more than 40 percent of the 12-market supply with slaughter lambs at that market 50¢-\$1.00 lower and feeder lambs \$1.00-3.00 lower. At other terminals, prices strengthened on slaughter classes with the advance influenced by higher dressed lamb prices. The seasonally increased marketings of spring slaughter lambs at most markets were steady to \$1.00 higher; old crop slaughter lambs were mainly steady to \$1.00 higher aside from steady to 25¢ lower at Denver and St. Paul. Slaughter ewes were fully steady. Feeder lambs were steady to weak except for steady to 50¢ higher at Sioux City.

Choice with few Prime 85-110# shorn old crop slaughter lambs mostly No. 1 and 2 pelts sold from \$14.50-16.00, few to \$16.25 on late rounds, Choice 110-123# \$13.00-15.00, few 123-127# \$12.00-13.00. Good and Choice 90-110# \$13.00-15.00. Limited volume Choice 90-110# woolled old crop slaughter lambs \$15.00-17.00; Good and Choice 94-115# \$14.00-15.00. Choice

and Prime 80-110# spring slaughter lambs \$17.50-19.00, instances \$20.00 but mostly \$18.00. Good and Choice \$17.00-18.00. Late sales Good and Choice 75-90# spring lambs at Fort Worth \$16.00-16.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes \$2.00-5.50, few \$6.00.

At Fort Worth, Good and Choice 75-85# shorn old crop feeder lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts brought \$8.50-9.00 some 90-93# \$9.50. Choice 57-70# spring feeders \$15.50-16.50 at Omaha and Sioux City; Medium and Good 55-85# spring feeders \$10.00-13.00 early at Fort Worth but mostly \$10.00-11.00 at mid-week. Good and Choice stock ewes with lambs at side brought \$12.00-15.00 per set at Omaha.

Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 27,900 were slightly less than a week earlier, but 27 percent above a year ago. Old crop slaughter lambs were strong to 50¢ higher; spring lambs steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up; slaughter ewes steady, instances 50¢ higher.

On Friday, Choice 90-105# shorn old crop slaughter lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts delivered to packing plants brought \$14.50-15.00, few high-yielding lambs \$15.25; bulk Choice 105-115# \$13.50-15.00 with 115-120# \$13.00-13.50. Good and Choice 90-110# \$13.00-15.00. Choice 90-110# woolled lambs brought \$15.00-16.00, 110-120# \$13.00-15.00. Good and Choice 90-110# lambs \$14.00-15.00. Few shipments Choice and Prime 80-95# spring slaughter lambs \$18.00-19.00; Good and Choice 80-100# \$17.00-18.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes bulked at \$2.00-4.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers sold mostly steady. Stocker and feeder classes were rather slow and mostly steady. Spring slaughter lambs sold strong to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: In California, 13 loads Choice 900-1025# \$23.75-24.25; over California and Arizona, 201 loads Good to mostly Choice, 900-1125# steers \$23.00-23.50, including some in Arizona for up to July 1 delivery; loadlots Good and low-Choice 900-1150# \$22.00-22.75, Standard and Good of comparable weights \$21.00-22.00, predominantly Standard 900-1150# \$19.75-21.00. In Utah, 5 loads Choice 1075-1125# \$21.50-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: In California and Arizona, 10 loads Choice 850-900# \$23.50-23.75; Good to mostly Choice, 750-980# \$22.50-23.25, few loads Standard to low-Choice, mostly Good 800-900# \$22.00-22.50. In Utah, 4 loads Choice 875-950# \$21.00-22.00.

Stockers and feeders: About 165 Choice and Fancy 400-425# yearling steers \$28.00; Good and Choice 450-650# steers \$23.50-25.00, 650-750# \$21.50-22.50, 800-1000# steers \$20.00-21.00. Medium and Good 600-650# steers \$21.00-21.75. Good and Choice 500-650# heifers \$20.00-21.50. For fall delivery, 500 Good and Choice around 400# calves \$25.00 steers, \$23.00 heifers; 100 yearlings with around 650# steers at \$22.00 and 550# heifers at \$20.00.

Spring lambs: In California, 88-115# Choice and Prime wooled slaughter lambs along with Choice and Fancy feeder offerings \$15.50-17.00; Choice and Prime 97-110# shorn slaughter with No. 2 and 3 pelts \$15.25-16.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots was active through Wednesday, later rather slow. Demand was curtailed somewhat due to the approaching Memorial Day Holiday. Slaughter steers sold uneven, mostly steady, instances 25¢ lower. Slaughter heifers sold steady to weak, mostly steady. In Colorado, 47 loads average and high-Choice 1125-1250# slaughter steers, some loads including a few Prime, \$23.10-23.75, 2 loads 1140# at the latter price; 205 loads low and average-Choice 1050-1265# \$22.50-23.00; 3 loads mostly Good 1150# \$21.00. Twenty-eight loads average and high-Choice 800-975# slaughter heifers \$23.10-23.75; 107 loads low and average Choice 925-1100# \$22.25-23.00. Wyoming: 7 loads average and high-Choice 1000-1060# slaughter heifers \$22.35-23.30, the \$22.35 for 2 loads f.o.b. feedlot by river market packer.

Demand for stockers and feeders good for the rather limited supply being sold direct. The few sales confirmed were made at steady to weak prices. Western Kansas: 4 loads Good to mostly Choice 625-750# steers \$23.00-23.75. Colorado: 2 loads mostly Choice 625# heifers \$22.35.

Most Colorado packers having to reach into other trade areas, mainly Texas, in order to secure enough lambs to maintain their kill. Colorado: Choice 98-105# shorn lambs No. 2 pelts \$15.25-15.75, few 108-115# \$14.50-15.00. Western Kansas: Around 4 loads Choice 130# shorn lambs \$14.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Trading on slaughter cattle was slow, generally steady. There was a larger volume of stockers and feeders off oat pastures and prices held steady. One load of Choice 1040# slaughter steers sold at \$23.25, load Good 1300# \$20.50, 25 loads average to high-Good, few Choice, 925-1150# \$21.00-22.50, 4 loads Good, with few Standard 950# \$20.00. Two loads mostly high-Good 800# heifers \$23.00, 5 loads Good 700-850# \$22.00-22.50, 2 loads Standard 585-600# \$22.00. Around 6,500 head Good 600-625# mixed feeder steers and

heifers off oats \$22.00, 1,800 Medium 650# steers \$20.00 with 600# heifers \$19.00. New Mexico, 750 Choice 357-417# stock steer calves \$28.00-30.00, heifers \$26.00-28.00. Limited volume shorn slaughter lambs fully 50¢ higher, spring slaughter lambs steady, feeder lambs \$1.00 lower. About 1,700 Choice 105# shorn lambs with No. 2 pelts \$12.25, 4,500 Choice and Prime 75-80# spring slaughter lambs \$17.00. About 5,500 Choice and Fancy 65-75# spring feeder lambs with small Choice and Prime slaughter end \$13.00, 1,600 Choice 95# shorn feeders with No. 2 pelts \$8.00-9.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steers steady, heifers steady to 50¢ lower, stockers and feeders steady to 50¢ lower. Around 3 loads Good and Choice 1125# slaughter steers \$21.80; 20 loads mostly Choice 900-1028# slaughter heifers \$22.50-22.75; Good and Choice 700-800# feeder steers \$22.00-23.00; Good 900# \$20.50; Good and Choice 525-650# stock steers \$23.00-24.00; few Choice 510-610# \$25.50-27.00; Choice 875# feeder heifers \$22.00; Good and Choice 550-725# \$20.00-23.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers only moderately active, steady; limited movement stockers and feeders about steady; spring slaughter lambs about steady in Idaho but in Oregon 75¢-\$1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Choice 1000-1075# \$23.75-24.00; Good to mostly Choice 1025-1125# \$22.75-23.50, 1160-1300# \$21.25-22.50; mixed Good and Choice 1075-1225# \$21.75-22.25. Idaho - Mostly Choice 1025-1050# \$22.00-23.00; mostly Choice 1100-1250# \$21.00-22.00. Oregon - mostly Choice 1150-1450# \$21.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice and mixed Good and Choice 825-900# \$22.50-23.25. Idaho - Mostly Choice 825-925# \$21.00-22.00. Oregon - Good to mostly Choice 800-850# \$22.75.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Mostly Choice 700-750# feeder steers and heifers \$22.00. Idaho - Good and Choice 550-650# steers \$23.00-23.50, one lot mixed steers and heifers \$22.00.

Spring slaughter lambs: Washington, Idaho and Oregon - Choice and Prime 92-98# \$16.55-17.75 through lamb pools.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Temperatures generally below normal. Ample moisture and prospects of good grazing, limited activity on all classes of livestock; not enough direct trade to test trends or establish prices.

Wool: 130,000 lbs. mixed fine and half-blood \$1.11-1.15, clean basis, f.o.b. Boston. 450,000 lbs. quarter-blood to mostly Medium 51.33¢ grease basis, moderate shrink 415,000 lbs. three-eighths and quarter-blood 47.88-50.0¢. 93,000 lbs. mixed fine and half-blood 40.0-42.0¢ moderate to light shrink.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	35,393	44,048	141	299	39,262	36,705	1,835	2,640
Cincinnati	2,886	3,005	794	798	9,338	10,070	569	420
Denver	10,571	11,317	317	298	4,636	6,405	8,113	10,244
Fort Worth	11,941	10,871	1,445	3,123	2,297	3,159	54,378	48,826
Indianapolis ..	6,770	6,800	673	669	25,279	28,535	639	490
Kansas City ...	19,884	18,185	488	634	19,624	17,561	12,407	7,386
Oklahoma City .	10,657	10,771	485	1,032	3,899	4,597	3,505	3,682
Omaha	34,623	41,555	269	407	41,405	43,203	14,401	8,957
St. Joseph	15,868	17,604	161	576	24,536	29,873	8,839	5,960
St. Louis NSY ..	14,195	15,505	1,797	2,017	55,047	65,797	2,993	2,921
Sioux City	20,512	26,469	484	856	41,812	39,615	7,519	4,724
S. St. Paul	20,053	22,392	4,526	5,327	39,394	44,770	9,050	3,397
Total	203,353	228,522	11,580	16,036	306,529	330,290	124,248	99,647
"May 13, 1961	220,516		10,081		347,553		109,139	
INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	May 20, 1961		May 13, 1961		May 21, 1960			
Hogs	335,000		328,000		340,000			
Sheep ...	27,900		30,100		22,000			

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Four months	
	May 18	May 11	May 19	Apr.	Apr.	Jan.-Apr.	
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 1001# up	665	783	331	2,306	3,104	12,513	11,568
901-1000	2,015	1,830	1,915	7,674	8,485	33,829	35,805
801-900	2,567	2,523	3,060	12,139	11,811	53,662	54,060
701-800	4,731	4,303	4,776	17,158	17,654	64,189	67,561
501-700	10,795	8,853	13,015	47,524	50,937	184,294	160,519
Total steers 10 markets ..	20,773	18,292	23,097	86,801	91,991	348,487	329,513
Av. wt. " " " ..	714#	722#	700#	704#	708#	712#	724#
Av. cost* " " " ..	\$22.41	\$22.74	\$24.50	\$24.05	\$25.30	\$24.19	\$24.50
" " " Chicago	22.40	22.10	25.15	23.09	24.40	23.15	24.14
" " " Kansas City ..	22.84	23.45	25.18	24.38	25.46	24.24	24.51
" " " Omaha	22.66	23.22	25.64	24.03	25.48	24.18	24.52
" " " S. St. Paul ..	21.24	20.86	22.96	21.80	23.83	21.86	23.23
" " " Sioux City ...	23.27	23.18	26.18	25.33	26.38	25.73	25.71
" " " Denver	22.53	22.03	24.42	24.17	25.74	24.99	25.05
" " " Ft. Worth	22.00	22.17	22.26	23.18	24.18	23.36	23.82
" " " Oklahoma City.	20.99	21.02	22.45	23.05	24.13	23.32	23.41
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.88	23.71	24.52	24.72	25.05	24.10	24.20
" " " St. Louis NSY	22.13	22.52	24.26	22.87	24.45	22.96	23.66
Total calves - 10 markets	7,555	5,299	6,477	27,960	33,808	162,609	148,122
" heifers " "	3,002	2,824	2,940	12,861	15,838	50,401	50,435
" cows " "	688	653	246	2,255	1,657	11,503	10,689

*Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S.St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S.St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Fort Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
<u>Stockers and feeders</u>													
May 19, 1961	1	38	8	14	10	22	5	8	9	60	59	41	50
May 12, 1961	2	37	8	9	5	18	5	8	6	45	61	44	55
May 20, 1960	2	38	13	15	7	23	5	8	8	70	70	45	50
<u>Slaughter cows</u>													
May 19, 1961	3	8	8	5	7	7	20	12	9	15	9	12	20
May 12, 1961	5	6	8	5	6	5	20	13	10	20	10	14	15
May 20, 1960	6	9	8	5	11	7	25	8	20	20	10	18	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	May 18 1961	May 19 1960	May 18 1961	May 19 1960	May 18 1961	May 19 1960	May 18 1961	May 19 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,320	1,075	8.3	3.4	1,256	1,244	25.28	31.31
Choice.....	16,163	17,088	58.1	53.7	1,193	1,185	23.58	27.55
Good.....	7,977	12,461	28.6	39.1	1,118	1,091	22.24	25.51
Standard.....	1,084	602	3.9	1.9	1,038	999	19.92	21.94
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	299	600	1.1	1.9	1,028	1,047	18.54	19.91
All grades.....	27,843	31,826			1,169	1,144	23.19	26.70
OMAHA								
Prime.....	41	124	.2	.6	1,260	1,217	23.32	28.65
Choice.....	7,957	7,762	42.4	37.3	1,183	1,169	22.58	26.35
Good.....	8,804	11,167	47.0	53.6	1,117	1,088	21.52	24.65
Standard.....	1,579	1,512	8.4	7.3	1,123	1,088	18.87	20.62
Utility.....	373	258	2.0	1.2	1,070	1,043	17.94	18.78
All grades.....	18,754	20,823			1,145	1,118	21.70	24.99
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	21	55	.2	.4	1,259	1,280	25.00	29.00
Choice.....	4,224	6,117	40.4	47.9	1,179	1,175	22.70	26.45
Good.....	4,641	5,595	44.4	43.8	1,134	1,092	21.75	24.96
Standard.....	1,572	952	15.0	7.4	1,091	1,072	19.29	20.43
Utility.....	--	60	--	.5	--	978	--	18.21
All grades.....	10,458	12,779			1,146	1,131	21.80	25.37
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	27	--	.3	--	1,237	--	23.51	--
Choice.....	3,490	3,596	42.9	54.5	1,151	1,133	22.90	26.47
Good.....	3,755	2,201	46.1	33.4	1,077	1,073	21.79	25.14
Standard.....	849	678	10.4	10.3	1,035	1,040	19.26	21.56
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	22	118	.3	1.8	909	998	17.58	18.66
All grades.....	8,143	6,593			1,105	1,101	22.03	25.44
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,222	249	17.0	3.8	1,085	1,129	23.14	27.54
Good.....	4,043	4,426	56.4	68.3	1,012	1,059	21.80	25.53
Standard.....	1,332	1,282	18.6	19.8	984	991	20.09	22.64
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	572	524	8.0	8.1	937	972	18.57	19.94
All grades.....	7,169	6,481			1,013	1,041	21.50	24.65
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,972	3,420	38.9	36.5	1,148	1,148	22.63	26.26
Good.....	3,810	5,181	49.8	55.4	1,084	1,076	21.46	24.50
Standard.....	863	645	11.3	6.9	1,071	1,096	18.80	19.92
Utility.....	--	114	--	1.2	--	939	--	18.39
All grades.....	7,645	9,360			1,108	1,102	21.64	24.79
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	4,106	4,196	81.0	78.8	1,172	1,156	22.80	26.42
Good.....	835	988	16.5	18.6	1,098	1,087	21.76	24.86
Standard.....	123	114	2.4	2.1	1,017	1,094	18.67	20.56
Utility.....	6	25	.1	.5	1,021	982	16.50	18.09
All grades.....	5,070	5,323			1,156	1,141	22.54	25.99

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	11,988	12,376	10,931	8,879	42,051	39,386	37,975	37,486
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,151	8,894	2,300	1,844	30,372	23,443	3,306	4,570
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls..	19,467	20,276	3,975	4,647	115,268	127,371	13,247	15,205
Chicago Area	17,532	18,281	5,239	5,395	41,646	34,993	5,666	4,173
St. Paul-Wisc. Aress	28,618	32,830	10,228	15,963	100,789	108,838	14,298	9,600
St. Louis Area	11,318	11,642	1,405	1,448	75,535	84,578	4,281	4,521
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	23,197	23,973	--	--	93,216	92,948	9,811	11,872
Omaha Area	40,142	38,647	177	144	79,047	80,814	17,432	12,792
Kansas City	15,945	14,061	--	--	34,542	35,925	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	26,629	30,943	1,784	7,338	254,010	262,695	28,274	28,225
Lou'1, Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's ..	6,151	6,647	2,813	3,946	52,099	62,629	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,897	8,597	4,589	3,620	26,252	28,872	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla.City..	20,364	21,081	856	1,458	42,391	46,719	11,154	9,044
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	14,809	11,707	4,530	4,338	15,228	18,187	59,929	41,528
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	25,894	21,168	176	205	14,221	17,515	32,148	19,044
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	29,096	24,862	2,130	1,700	31,017	25,527	37,493	34,885
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,501	7,364	244	290	15,161	15,650	4,856	4,590
Total	317,699		51,377		1,062,845		279,870	
		313,349		61,215		1,106,090		237,535
Accumulation to date	6,009,868		1,226,528		22,156,166		5,314,851	
		5,880,678		1,354,460		24,333,435		4,773,569

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
May 20, 1961	395	236.2	90	11.3	1,275	182.7	315	14.8	445.0	--
May 13, 1961	405	243.4	92	11.6	1,335	190.5	310	14.9	460.4	--
Apr.29, 1961 1/.....	404	--	94	--	1,282	--	317	--	--	42.7
May 21, 1960 1/.....	383	228.3	89	11.2	1,285	178.4	256	12.2	430.1	42.7
Percentage change from:										
May 13, 1961	-2	-3	-2	-3	-4	-4	2	-1	-3	--
May 21, 1960	3	3	1	1	-1	2	23	21	3	--
Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.	
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs			
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed		
May 20, 1961	1040	598	225	126	247	143	97	47		
May 13, 1961	1045	601	225	126	246	143	98	48		
Apr.29, 1961	1040	598	215	120	243	141	100	49		
May 21, 1960	1034	596	226	126	241	139	98	48		

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May
	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	25.15	30.35	--	--	24.40	29.48	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	25.40	31.18	--	--	24.18	29.52	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	23.68	27.92	23.58	27.00	23.22	27.12	22.66	26.05	24.12	27.62
1100-1300	23.55	28.05	23.08	27.00	23.10	27.12	22.61	26.18	23.00	27.25
Good 900-1100	21.70	24.58	21.75	24.68	21.38	23.98	20.82	23.05	22.62	26.00
Standard - All wts.	19.88	21.85	19.42	21.45	19.25	20.58	18.80	19.70	20.25	23.25
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	23.20	26.60	23.25	26.30	23.25	26.60	22.78	26.09	23.25	26.62
Good 600-800	--	--	21.88	24.12	21.32	23.60	20.55	23.08	21.75	25.00
Standard - All wts.	19.45	21.25	19.25	20.62	19.00	20.30	18.42	19.25	19.25	22.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.75	18.20	16.85	19.00	17.00	18.32	--	18.30	16.25	18.25
Utility	16.50	17.65	16.30	17.08	16.50	17.22	16.50	16.68	15.50	17.25
Cutter	16.12	16.90	15.62	15.58	15.62	15.82	15.00	14.95	14.25	14.50
Canner	14.50	15.33	14.68	13.95	14.62	14.58	14.12	13.85	13.00	12.50
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.12	21.50	18.00	19.25	18.65	19.50	--	--	--	--
Utility	19.62	20.85	18.25	19.50	18.65	18.75	19.00	19.25	20.50	22.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.15	26.00	--	--	--	--	--	29.00
Good	--	--	21.25	24.00	--	--	--	--	--	26.50
Standard	--	--	18.65	21.25	--	--	--	--	--	24.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	29.50	31.50	27.50	28.00	27.90	26.30	--	--	30.38	31.00
Good	27.00	29.00	24.00	25.50	24.75	23.75	--	--	28.00	29.00
Standard	22.00	23.50	20.00	22.00	21.50	21.00	--	--	23.88	25.50
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.50	28.75	26.00	27.75	26.50	28.25	25.50	27.50	--	26.50
Good 500-800	24.00	25.75	23.50	24.60	24.00	24.75	22.75	25.00	--	24.25
Medium 500-1000	20.75	22.75	20.75	21.10	20.50	21.25	19.75	21.50	--	21.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	24.00	25.00	24.00	25.50	23.75	25.75	--	25.25
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	21.50	20.25	22.00	20.50	22.25	--	21.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.50	17.50	16.25	15.50	16.00	--	--	16.25
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.25	29.00	28.75	30.50	29.25	30.62	--	27.75
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	26.00	26.00	26.75	27.50	29.00	--	26.25

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	May		May		May		May		May		May		May		May	
	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.45	17.39	--	17.17	16.90	16.65	16.02	17.40	17.20	16.64	16.52	16.62	16.28	17.00	16.70	
200-220	17.45	17.39	16.22	16.06	17.14	16.91	17.08	16.64	17.42	17.22	16.90	16.56	16.75	16.57	17.02	16.78
220-240	17.10	17.06	16.10	15.90	16.98	16.90	17.08	16.64	17.20	16.92	16.85	16.48	16.68	16.66	16.68	16.55
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.70	17.05	15.91	15.80	16.75	16.51	16.38	16.05	16.75	16.70	16.32	15.90	16.40	16.10	16.68	16.40
220-240	16.52	16.75	15.79	15.69	16.62	16.36	16.38	16.05	16.60	16.50	16.32	15.90	16.40	16.10	16.32	16.22
240-270	16.08	16.06	15.38	15.32	16.08	15.90	16.02	15.80	16.10	15.88	16.01	15.61	16.02	15.70	15.80	15.82
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.14	17.11	15.38	15.51	16.88	16.60	15.92	15.78	17.02	16.91	16.38	15.98	16.45	16.14	16.92	16.42
200-220	17.01	17.11	16.04	15.90	16.88	16.62	16.60	16.35	17.12	16.95	16.45	16.06	16.52	16.46	16.92	16.62
220-240	16.78	16.77	15.88	15.77	16.72	16.45	16.60	16.25	16.92	16.72	16.42	16.06	16.42	16.42	16.45	16.45
240-270	16.38	16.15	15.41	15.43	16.25	16.01	16.35	15.92	16.35	16.11	16.20	15.78	16.18	15.92	16.02	15.92
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	14.57	13.88	15.06	14.45	15.22	14.60	15.15	14.54	15.08	14.50	15.08	14.20	14.72	14.15	
330-400	14.50	13.88	14.06	13.36	14.78	14.12	14.82	14.08	14.65	14.05	14.85	14.05	14.70	13.68	14.32	13.72
400-550	13.85	13.10	13.39	12.52	14.22	13.12	14.32	13.50	14.02	13.25	14.35	13.40	14.30	12.98	13.72	13.08
Classification	South		St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore	
	May		May		May		May		May		May		May		May	
	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20	21	20
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.12	16.48	16.56	16.32	--	--	17.50	17.14	16.81	--	16.80	15.88	18.29	18.22	19.25	18.78
200-220	17.12	16.90	16.88	16.63	16.78	16.58	17.50	17.29	16.62	--	16.80	15.88	18.38	18.22	19.25	18.78
220-240	17.12	16.90	16.86	16.59	16.78	16.58	17.28	17.02	16.58	--	16.80	15.88	--	--	19.25	18.41
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.60	16.32	16.38	16.22	16.30	16.25	17.34	17.27	16.62	15.19	16.18	15.52	--	--	18.75	18.06
220-240	16.40	16.22	16.35	16.20	16.28	16.15	17.18	17.02	16.50	15.12	16.18	15.52	--	--	18.75	17.94
240-270	16.08	15.85	15.98	15.65	15.72	15.70	16.70	16.52	16.25	14.66	15.50	14.90	17.38	17.12	18.25	17.00
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	16.60	16.35	16.45	16.24	--	--	17.35	17.14	16.17	--	16.30	15.58	18.09	18.00	--	--
200-220	16.58	16.42	16.51	16.31	16.45	16.35	17.35	17.27	16.38	15.47	16.30	15.58	18.19	18.12	--	--
220-240	16.48	16.35	16.51	16.31	16.45	16.30	17.20	17.02	16.38	15.37	16.30	15.58	18.08	17.88	--	--
240-270	16.10	15.98	16.21	15.80	15.85	15.82	16.72	16.52	15.88	14.66	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	15.18	14.72	15.15	14.62	--	--	14.20	14.80	13.88	12.87	13.08	12.25	15.50	14.00	16.25	15.56
330-400	14.65	13.98	14.60	14.02	14.62	13.85	14.25	13.40	14.50	12.37	12.82	11.75	15.00	13.50	15.50	15.06
400-550	14.15	12.92	14.08	13.18	13.80	13.12	13.75	12.70	14.50	11.87	12.45	11.00	13.88	12.75	14.50	14.38
Feeder pigs - All wts																
Good and Choice	16.20	15.35	16.20	16.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Eight mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	May 20, 1961	16.42	16.54	16.15	16.40	16.06	16.23	16.14	16.68	16.34
	May 13, 1961	16.50	16.55	16.12	16.28	15.96	16.06	16.24	16.84	16.32
	May 21, 1960	16.35	16.40	15.94	16.00	15.82	16.02	15.91	16.60	16.15
Sows	May 20, 1961	13.89	14.28	14.50	14.51	14.20	14.60	14.34	14.17	14.30
	May 13, 1961	14.10	14.41	14.45	14.54	14.27	14.47	14.47	14.45	14.40
	May 21, 1960	13.24	13.47	13.29	13.54	13.49	13.58	13.54	13.25	13.44
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	May 20, 1961	241	227	237	244	246	239	242	232	238
	May 13, 1961	239	226	241	243	247	239	240	232	238
	May 21, 1960	239	219	231	240	245	230	245	230	234
Sows	May 20, 1961	449	419	424	418	420	415	405	452	423
	May 13, 1961	449	432	445	421	420	411	410	462	428
	May 21, 1960	437	405	421	419	412	412	392	446	416
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	May 20, 1961	31191	51053	17851	34090	35585	21745	26602	21022	239139
	May 13, 1961	33615	54334	19784	41327	39592	32289	28925	25249	275115
	May 21, 1960	28403	58947	15878	35048	33390	26601	32258	23800	254325
Sows	May 20, 1961	2880	3818	1166	5267	4213	1897	5761	2795	27797
	May 13, 1961	3296	3648	1306	6173	4693	2212	5398	3070	29796
	May 21, 1960	3686	4429	951	4619	3767	1802	5069	3021	27344
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
	May 20, 1961	8	7	6	13	11	8	18	12	10
	May 13, 1961	9	6	6	13	11	6	16	11	10
	May 21, 1960	11	7	6	12	10	6	14	11	10

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
May 20, 1961	\$18.58	\$17.01	\$1.57
May 13, 1961	19.17	17.31	1.86
May 21, 1960	18.48	17.11	1.37

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No. 3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
May 20, 1961	16.42	112.6	14.6
May 13, 1961	16.50	112.3	14.7
May 21, 1960	16.35	120.7	13.5

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

Trading on wool continued slow in the Boston market. Limited activity on all the various types and grades as buyers resorted to fill-in purchases. The rather dull interest was due in part to the fact that inventories on hand were ample.

Demand was generally fair with moderate activity in the territory States. Medium grade fleeces met good outlet and prices were generally steady. There was fair to good demand for all grades of pulled wool. Noils were on the slow side and prices weak.

Activity at New Zealand was rather limited and many interests awaited auctions scheduled late in the week. Cabled reports from Australia and South Africa showed prices firm at midweek following early declines of 1-2¢. In Australia, Japan dominating and there was good support from Eastern Europe. United Kingdom interest was uneven but active late. European Continent dominated in South Africa supported lightly by Japan. Iceland wool was offered for shipment at 73-78¢. Demand was very uneven for coarse Argentine wools and prices were around 1-1½¢ lower while Montevideo quotations were unchanged but firm under limited offerings.

Fleece Wools - Wool pools at Dyersburg and Union City, Tennessee: Clear medium wool 55.42-55.72¢, light burry 50.42-50.72¢, medium burry 48.42-48.72¢, all grease basis, f.o.b. In Virginia, approximately 700,000 pounds of medium wool sold at 58-61¢ and around 150,000 pounds medium wool around 59½¢, grease basis.

Wool pools at several counties in Pennsylvania offered moderate volume bulk medium fleece wools at around 55½-56.75¢, grease basis.

Country buyers paid about the same as in the previous week with prices ranging around 42-47¢ to growers for medium grade wool, grease basis.

Territory Wools - Prices were steady to around 2¢ lower for the week. Graded territory 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.15-1.20 clean basis, while graded 56/58s good French combing and staple sold around \$1.04-1.06.

RANGE SALES FOLLOW: Recent sales of bulk fine and half-blood wools in Nevada sold mostly at 40-46¢ f.o.b. Bulk 3/8s and 1/4 blood wools sold in Idaho as follows: St. Anthony Pool about 100,000 pounds at 47.31¢, Blaine County Pool around 75,000 pounds at 46.1¢, Boneville Pool about 125,000 pounds at 47.51¢, Bear Lake Pool around 52.5¢. Sales at Montana as follows: Stevensville Pool 16,000 pounds at 50.55¢, grease, bulk quarter and three-eighths, Ronan Pool 90,000 pounds at 51.2¢ with 5¢ discount for short fleeces, 15,000 pounds at 41.0¢, bulk fine with some half.

Texas Wools and Mohair - Large volume of 12 months good French combing and staple wool moved in Texas around \$1.18-1.24 clean basis, delivered and in the Del Rio area wools 8 months were around \$1.10-1.15 clean, delivered. The mohair

market was virtually at a standstill. Offerings of straight adult hair ranged from 93½-96½¢.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools continued rather dull. Markets were easier at the opening but prices rebounded to close firm. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

New Zealand Oil-combed - No auctions.

Australia Oil-combed

61 -	\$1.22	80 -	\$1.12
62 -	1.19	81 -	1.10
63 -	1.16	422 -	1.18
77 -	1.21	423 -	1.12
78 -	1.18	424 -	1.05
79 -	1.15	425 -	.97

South Africa

Oil-combed		Scoured yields	
7 -	\$1.10	27 -	\$1.06
8 -	1.09	28 -	1.04
12 -	1.09	32 -	1.03
47 -	1.09	33 -	1.00
17 -	1.07	38 -	.98

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 64s - \$1.03, 60/64s - \$1.00, 60s - 97¢, 60/58s - 95½¢. 58/56s - 93¢, 56/50s - 91¢, 50s - 90¢.

Carpet Wools - South American carpet wools were around 1-1½¢ below last week's prices while New Zealand greasy carpet wools were firm. Greasy Buenos Aires March 2nd clip wools were offered for shipment from 77-79¢. New Zealand carpet fleeces at 79-80¢, shorn at 75¢ for shipment. All foregoing on clean wool fibers present basis.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	Noils
56/58s ave. 1½" wh. \$1.05	Clear B.A. 64s
Scoured Pulled Foreign	Schlumbs \$.65
B.A. 56s 2-3" ch. wh. \$1.05	Aust. 62/64s
Clean basis	nobles lt.
	defect \$.91

CORRECTION: Report week ended 5/12 should have read: Pulled foreign N. Z. 56/58s 2½-3½" white \$1.08, clean basis.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - May 18, 1961
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops -	\$1.56
July wool tops -	1.59
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
May wool -	\$1.15
July wool -	1.182
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Prices for steer carcasses were generally weak to \$1.50 lower with declines 50¢-\$1.50 at New York, and Baltimore 50¢-\$2.00. Cow beef sold steady to mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off; at New York Standard veal and calf \$1.00 higher, other grades steady to weak. At the other centers veal sold weak to mainly \$1.00 lower. Lamb steady to \$1.50 higher at New York, a larger portion 50¢-\$1.00 higher, Washington \$1.00-2.00 up, Philadelphia steady, Baltimore steady to \$1.00 lower. Pork loins closed mostly \$2.00-5.00 lower; fresh skinned hams steady to \$3.00 lower; Boston butts and spareribs unchanged.

Prices for Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were \$1.00 lower; lamb weak to mostly \$1.00 off; veal and calf \$1.00-2.00 lower.

Supplies of steer beef were fully normal and above normal in some coolers at Washington; cow beef moderate; veal, calf and lamb moderate to normal; pork fully normal. Receipts of spring lamb increased slightly, however, old crop lamb predominated. Steer carcasses and cuts moved rather slow with demand poor. Hindquarters, rounds, ribs and particularly arm chucks were harder to move than loins. At New York the slow trade was largely the result of poor outlets through chain store channels. Demand was poor for cow beef. Trading was slow to moderately active for veal and calf with best buyer activity at Washington, and at New York Standard veal and calf moved well. Buyers were moderately aggressive for lamb carcasses and cuts with clearances fairly complete. Most retailers purchased only essential needs of pork loins, and with supplies rather liberal, clearance was incomplete throughout the Eastern Seaboard. Fair demand prevailed for other pork cuts. Small to moderate supplies of steer beef went unsold at all markets.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower; Good to Prime veal \$1.00 lower, Standard steady to \$1.00 lower; lamb \$1.50-2.00 higher, pork loins 8-16# \$3.50-5.50 lower, Boston butts 4-8# 50¢-\$1.00 lower, spareribs 3# down \$1.00 higher.

Supplies in the beef and lamb divisions were normal, fresh pork moderate, veal still rather small. Good and Choice grades predominated in the beef trade, lamb was largely Choice carcasses over 55#, spring lamb supply relatively small.

Further declines on beef in a slow trade made it seventh consecutive week prices were lower. At the outset rounds met a fair demand, however, ^{other} primal cuts were slow but for the week all cuts declined, chucks off the most. Standard veal 75# and down and boning carcasses sold in a brisk trade while heavier Standard veal along with Good to Prime were rather slow. Despite upturns in the lamb division, local trading was

only moderately active at best. Fore end cuts met buyers attention early but from midweek on all cuts cleared somewhat evenly. Spareribs were readily absorbed, pork loins and Boston butts slow, loins declining each session.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and heifer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower, except firm to 50¢ higher in Los Angeles; veal and calf steady, except steady to \$1.00 lower in San Francisco, spring lamb mostly steady in California, but \$1.00-2.00 lower in the Northwest; fresh and smoked pork steady to \$2.00 lower, except 12-16# loins \$3.00-4.00 lower in Los Angeles and smoked hams steady to \$1.00 higher in San Francisco.

Supplies of steer and heifer beef continued abundant. Cow beef supply moderate in Los Angeles but fully normal elsewhere. Supplies of most other meats normal. Overall trading continued slow, cow beef and spring lamb in California fairly active.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower for the week; heifer beef mostly 50¢ lower; cow beef steady to 50¢ higher; lamb steady to \$2.00 higher, mostly \$1.00-2.00 up; pork loins \$2.50-3.00 lower; fresh hams \$1.00-3.00 lower, most decline on 12-14# hams; butts \$1.00 lower, pork carcasses steady to 20¢ lower.

Beef and pork supplies were slightly below normal, lamb some above normal. Demand moderate to poor on all classes, except moderate on cow beef and lamb.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses sold at \$35.50-36.00, few carloads \$36.50, 700-800# \$34.50-35.50, few \$36.00, Good 600-700# \$34.00-35.25, high-Good \$35.50, 700-800# \$33.50-35.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef sold at \$35.00-36.00, Good \$33.50-34.50; Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef \$29.25-31.50.

Choice including some Prime 45-55# old crop lamb carcasses \$32.00-36.50, mostly \$33.25-35.25. Choice spring lamb including some Prime, 35-55# \$37.00-42.00, mostly \$38.00-40.00.

Pork: Pork loins 8-12# \$37.00-38.50, fresh hams 12-14# \$36.00-38.00, 14-16# \$35.00-36.50, butts 4-8# \$29.50-30.50. U.S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$23.25-24.80, mostly \$23.25-24.25, 155-175# \$22.90-24.25, mostly \$23.10-23.70.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer and heifer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower; cow beef steady to 50¢ lower; lamb mostly \$1.00-2.00 higher; pork loins at Chicago \$3.00-3.50 lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21	May 20	May 21
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	43.60	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	41.45	47.20	38.62	44.82	39.62	45.85	38.88	45.00
	700-800	39.95	46.20	38.25	44.38	37.62	44.75	37.25	43.50
Good	500-600	38.95	44.10	37.75	43.12	39.38	44.50	38.12	43.00
	600-700	38.95	44.35	37.75	43.12	37.88	43.50	37.19	41.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	38.50	44.69	38.62	44.50	38.50	44.56
	600-700	--	--	38.50	44.69	--	43.00	37.44	43.31
Good	500-600	--	--	36.88	41.81	--	--	37.69	42.25
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	59.00	60.00	58.25	56.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.00	51.50	51.25	51.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.50	47.50	48.25	48.00	50.25	54.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	41.50	52.50	36.56*	45.81*	37.00	45.50	38.00	46.00
Choice	45-55	41.50	51.50	36.56*	45.81*	37.00	45.50	38.00	46.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	44.50	46.80	41.70	42.50	47.00	46.00	44.00	43.00
Butts	4-8	36.00	35.50	33.19	31.38	41.00	39.00	38.25	35.50
Spareribs	3# down	42.50	41.10	38.50	37.75	46.50	47.00	42.25	43.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.00	48.50	47.00	50.25	45.50	50.00	43.25	48.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		49.00	44.50	53.50	52.50	54.50	51.00	52.00	50.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	34.75	29.30	35.50	34.00	35.00	32.00	34.00	32.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.50	13.50	15.00	13.00	18.00	17.00	16.81	14.75

*Old-crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED May 19, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	36.50-37.50	35.00-36.00	35.50-36.00	38.00-39.00	38.50-39.00
	700-800	36.00-37.00	34.50-35.50	35.00-35.50	37.00-38.50	37.50-38.00
	800-900	35.00-35.50	34.00-34.50	34.50-35.00	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.50
Good	500-600	35.00-36.00	--	--	36.50-38.00	--
	600-700	35.00-36.00	33.00-35.70	34.50-35.50	35.50-38.00	37.50-38.00
	700-800	34.50-35.50	33.00-35.70	33.75-35.00	36.00-38.00	37.00-37.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	36.00-36.50	35.00-38.00	35.50-36.00	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	34.75-35.50	35.50-36.00	--	38.00-38.50
Good	500-600	34.50-35.00	32.50-34.00	34.00-34.25	--	--
	600-700	34.50-35.00	32.50-34.00	34.00-34.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.50-31.00	28.50-31.00	29.00-30.00	--	31.50-32.00
Canner and Cutter		30.50-31.50	--	30.00-31.00	--	32.00-32.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	--	39.00-42.00*
	45-55	--	--	--	36.00-39.00	39.00-41.00*
	55-65	--	--	--	33.00-34.00	--
Choice	35-45	38.00	35.50	--	--	39.00-42.00*
	45-55	35.00-37.00	32.50-34.50	33.25-35.25	36.00-39.00	39.00-41.00*
	55-65	32.00-34.00	30.50-31.50	30.25-32.25	33.00-34.00	--
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	38.50-40.00	--	38.00-40.00	--	40.00-40.50

*Spring lamb.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended			
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	8 1961	15 1961	22 1961	29 1961
	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>
Placed in cure -				
Beef 1/	2,643	2,787	2,858	2,941
Pork 1/	54,163	57,929	60,242	61,011
Other 1/	459	100	92	139
Smoked and / or dried -				
Beef 1/	659	884	725	845
Pork 1/	39,817	42,729	45,128	44,988
Cooked meat -				
Beef.	1,778	1,791	1,854	2,154
Pork.	3,467	3,837	4,347	4,565
Other	78	71	96	47
Sausage -				
Fresh finished.	4,566	4,757	4,797	4,538
To be dried or semi-dried	2,414	2,457	2,454	2,552
Franks, wieners	12,252	14,139	13,825	13,723
Other, smoked or cooked .	12,103	13,456	14,221	13,758
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	3,529	4,119	3,944	3,877
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	11,666	12,115	12,295	12,690
Meat extract.	20	31	74	87
Sliced bacon 1/	19,045	19,055	19,705	19,500
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	5,730	6,240	6,268	6,163
Hamburger	3,799	4,121	4,120	4,447
Miscellaneous meat product.	4,874	4,930	4,783	4,766
Lard, rendered	37,341	40,924	41,268	40,923
Lard, refined	27,625	31,513	29,385	30,317
Oleo stock	1,079	1,288	1,389	1,143
Edible tallow	8,111	8,633	8,788	8,971
Rendered pork fat -				
Rendered	1,371	1,571	1,547	1,737
Refined	684	867	868	749
Compound cont'g animal fat	16,493	15,545	15,348	17,449
Oleomargarine " "	1,653	2,758	2,381	2,203
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	49,863	52,495	52,576	50,151
Total 1/	327,282	351,143	355,378	356,432

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

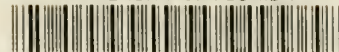
2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

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MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Apr. 8		Apr. 15		Week ended - 1961		Apr. 22		Apr. 29	
	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	2,220	2,715	2,121	2,892	2,373	2,904	2,712	2,480		
Canned hams	5,638	39	5,923	53	6,221	70	6,459	54		
Corned beef hash	82	1,136	130	916	134	1,087	218	1,197		
Chili con carne	163	2,323	242	1,126	113	1,949	57	2,138		
Viennas	84	1,404	57	1,279	29	1,169	46	1,110		
Franks, wieners in brine	--	40	1	21	7	50	1	123		
Deviled ham	--	47	--	231	--	411	--	234		
Other potted or deviled meat food products	--	946	--	718	--	1,135	--	627		
Tamales	9	266	--	525	8	351	9	426		
Sliced dried beef	2	58	4	56	4	55	9	52		
Chopped beef	--	167	--	186	--	228	--	256		
Meat stew (all products)	6	2,887	14	3,235	1	2,746	43	2,026		
Spaghetti meat products	45	1,560	53	3,074	49	2,769	35	2,170		
Tongue (other than pickled)	6	27	8	35	7	29	9	28		
Vinegar pickled products	168	315	173	337	182	284	173	300		
Bulk sausage	--	84	2	136	--	147	--	101		
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	95	4,910	135	4,396	94	3,974	93	4,260		
Soups	860	13,911	378	14,365	217	13,826	728	12,282		
Sausage in oil	70	120	74	81	107	107	93	99		
Tripe	--	92	--	95	--	78	--	71		
Brains	--	46	--	60	--	39	--	43		
Canned loins and picnics	285	9	284	11	271	32	319	34		
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -										
20% or more	174	1,779	164	1,951	89	2,101	82	1,652		
Less than 20%	97	2,938	177	4,372	1,129	4,345	182	5,159		
Total	10,006	37,821	9,940	40,152	11,034	39,886	11,266	36,923		

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 406.



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LS-CLS Gainesville, Fla.SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	May 20, 1961	19.80	18.22	18.12	--	18.88	--	17.50
	May 21, 1960	--	24.82	24.70	22.05	24.80	23.75	--
Choice	May 20, 1961	19.00	17.68	17.70	17.10	17.72	--	17.38
	May 21, 1960	--	23.82	24.05	21.50	23.52	23.00	23.09
Good	May 20, 1961	18.00	--	16.60	16.45	--	--	16.62
	May 21, 1960	--	--	22.65	20.70	--	22.00	22.06
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb. down								
Prime	May 20, 1961	--	--	15.68	--	--	--	--
	May 21, 1960	21.55	21.58	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	May 20, 1961	15.58	14.72	14.85	12.55	14.80	--	14.25
	May 21, 1960	20.75	20.70	20.40	17.55	20.62	19.50	17.75
Good	May 20, 1961	14.50	13.42	13.60	11.55	13.68	--	12.50
	May 21, 1960	19.38	19.58	18.90	16.65	19.45	18.00	17.25
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good &	May 20, 1961	5.48	5.22	4.00	--	5.62	--	5.44
Choice	May 21, 1960	6.25*	6.30	4.50	--	6.20	5.75	5.25
Cull &	May 20, 1961	5.05	4.22	3.00	4.50	4.12	--	3.69
Utility	May 21, 1960	5.00*	4.72	3.50	4.60	4.78	3.50	3.50
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good &	May 20, 1961	--	14.00	--	10.35	--	--	--
Choice	May 21, 1960	--	21.00	--	17.35	--	--	14.75

*Woolled basis.